

EXHIBIT D

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION**

PIERRE BRAZEAU, Individually and on
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASSAVA SCIENCES, INC., REMI
BARBIER, ERIC J. SCHOEN, JAMES W.
KUPIEC, NADAV FRIEDMANN and
MICHAEL MARSMAN,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-00751-RP

**DECLARATION OF MANOHAR K.
RAO IN SUPPORT OF HIS MOTION
FOR CONSOLIDATION OF
RELATED ACTIONS,
APPOINTMENT AS LEAD
PLAINTIFF, AND APPROVAL OF
LEAD COUNSEL**

WANDA NEWELL, Individually and On
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASSAVA SCIENCES, INC., REMI
BARBIER, and ERIC J. SCHOEN,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-00760-RP

KATLYN K. REIN, Individually and on
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CASSAVA SCIENCES, INC., REMI
BARBIER, ERIC J. SCHOEN, JAMES W.
KUPIEC, NADAV FRIEDMANN, and
MICHAEL MARSMAN,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-00856-RP

I, Manohar K. Rao, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows:

1. I submit this declaration in support of my Motion for Consolidation of Related Actions, Appointment as Lead Plaintiff, and Approval of Lead Counsel pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”).

2. I reside in Fort Bend County, Texas, and have been managing my own investment portfolio for approximately 26 years. I am currently retired, but was formerly a Quality Manager at Hisco Inc. I have a Master’s Degree in Electrical Engineering.

3. Jyothi Rao is my wife. Shyamala Rambhotla is my sister-in-law. They have assigned to me all their rights, title, ownership, and interest in claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind whatsoever that they have or may have arising from violations of the federal securities laws of the United States of America in connection with their purchases or acquisitions of Cassava Sciences, Inc. securities.

4. I believe that the securities class action against Cassava Sciences, Inc. is meritorious and should be led by an investor that is committed to maximizing the recovery on behalf of the class. I suffered a substantial loss on my investments in Cassava Sciences, Inc. securities, and I have the ability and competency to oversee this litigation to a successful conclusion. It is for this reason that I decided to seek appointment as lead plaintiff in this action.

5. I am informed of and understand the requirements and duties imposed by the PSLRA. I understand the responsibilities of being a lead plaintiff, including my fiduciary duty to the class. I understand that if I am appointed as lead plaintiff, I will owe a duty to all members of the putative class to provide fair and adequate representation and to work with counsel to obtain the best possible recovery in good faith and with vigorous advocacy. I am committed to the prosecution of this case and will remain actively involved.

6. I have selected counsel in this action based upon their experience and am confident in their ability to work with me to protect the interest of the class. I understand that one of my primary responsibilities will be overseeing counsel and thereby ensuring that the litigation is handled efficiently, and that the resulting fees and expenses are fair and reasonable, relative to the

size, complexity, and risk of the litigation. I will continue to supervise counsel and actively oversee the prosecution of this action for the benefit of the class by, among other things, reviewing pleadings, instructing counsel, and/or attending hearings, as necessary.

7. I understand that, as the lead plaintiff in this action, I will be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court and will be bound by all rulings by the Court, including rulings regarding any judgments.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 10/25/2021
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Manohar Rao

Manohar K. Rao